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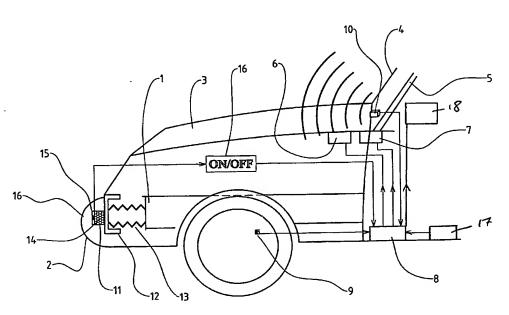
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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a pedestrian detection system provided on a motor vehicle, in order to detect a pedestrian so that an appropriate safety device can be activated in order to provide protection to the pedestrian in the event of an impact with the pedestrian. The detection system comprises a first sensor arrangement (10) which is located at least 0.5 metres behind the front end of the motor vehicle. The first sensor arrangement (10) is configured to detect the speed of and/or distance to a part of an object (such as a pedestrian) located in front of the vehicle. That part of the object which is detected is part of the object which extends above a predetermined height, which is at least the height of the front edge of the hood or bonnet (3) of the motor vehicle.



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